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SUBJ: MBFR: FRG/POLISH BILATERAL ON SUBJECT OF POLISH PERSONNEL

EXCLUDED FROM EASTERN FIGURES

FOLLOWING REPORT OF FRG MILREPS (STEIFF AND SCHIDBAUER) ON CONVERSATION THEY HAD WITH POLISH MILREPS (OSTASZEWICZ AND KAZMIERSKI) ON APRIL 19, 1978 WAS GIVEN US DEL ON APRIL 21. IT IS FORWARDED BY TELEGRAM IN VIEW OF INTEREST OF SUBJECT MATTER.

1. FRG MILREPS ASKED POLISH MILREPS IN WHICH CATEGORY OF EASTERN TABLED FIGURES ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER--MAJOR FORMATIONS OR OTHER--THE POLES HAD COUNTED THE PERSONNEL OF POLISH RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION UNITS AND ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION UNITS.

2. POLISH MILREP REPLIED THAT ALL CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO POLISH RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING

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CONSTRUCTION UNITS WERE PARTTIME PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH FORCES FOR TERRITIRIAL DEFENSE. THEREFORE, ALL CONSCRIPT PERSONNAL OF ALL POLISH RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION UNITS HAD BEEN EXCLUDED ALOOGETHER FROM THE EAST'S TABLED FIGURES. ONLY THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICER AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER CADRE PERSONNEL OF SUCH UNITS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EAST'S FIGURES. POLISH MILREPS CITED SPECIFIC

EXAMPLES OF UNITS, BY SPECIFIC LOCATION, AND SAID THESE UNITS WERE IN EVERY MILITARY DISTRICT.

(COMMENT: EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ASSERTED IN INFORMALS FROM THE OUTSET OF THE DATA DISCUSSION THAT ALL PARTTIME CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF POLISH UNITS OF TERRITORIAL DEFENSE HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM EASTERN FIGURES. POLISH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID THESE PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH CONSCRIPTED TO FULFILL THEIR REGULAR MILITARY OBLIGATION UNDER POLISH LAWS FOR MILITARY SERVICE, ACTUALLY PERFORM NO FUNCTION IN PEACETIME FOR THE ARMED FORCES, BUT INSTEAD ARE EMPLOYED IN TASKS SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIAN ECONOMY. BILATERALLY, POLISH REPRESENTATIVE STRULAK HAS TOLD BOTH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE THAT THESE PERSONNEL DO NOT SERVE THEIR OBLIGATION IN A SINGLE CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF SERVICE, BUT THAT THEY ARE INSTEAD ALLOWED TO LIVE AT HOME AND ARE CALLED UP FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS UNTIL THEIR TWO YEAR SERVICE OBLIGATION IS COMPLETED. END COMMENT.)

3. FRG MILREPS ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER TYPES OF UNITS IN THE POLISH GROUND FORCES, OTHER THAN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING UNITS, IN WHICH SUCH PARTTIME PERSONNEL WERE EMPLOYED. FRG MILREPS CITED AS EXAMPLES SIGNAL UNITS AND REAR SERVICES.

4. POLISH MILREPS REPLIED THAT PARTTIME PERSONNEL WERE EMPLOYED ONLY IN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CON-
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STRUCTION UNITS, AND THERE WERE NO OTHER UNITS IN POLISH GROUND FORCES IN WHICH SUCH PARTTIME PERSONNEL WERE EMPLOYED. ALL PERSONNEL IN ALL OTHER TYPES WERE FULL TIME SOLDIERS AND THESE HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EAST'S FIGURES.

5. FRG MILREPS ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE OTHER TYPES OF ENGINEERING UNITS, OTHER THAN ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, IN POLISH FORCES, AND IF SO, WHETHER THESE OTHER TYPES OF ENGINEERING UNITS ALSO EMPLOYED PARTTIME PERSONNEL OF POLISH TERRITORIAL DEFENSE.

6. POLISH MILREPS REPLIED THAT THERE WERE INDEED OTHER TYPES OF ENGINEERING UNITS IN POLISH GROUND FORCES, CITING AS EXAMPLES PONTOON BRIDGE UNITS AND COMBAT ENGINEERING UNITS. BUT, POLISH MILREPS ASSERTED, THE PERSONNEL OF ALL OTHER TYPES OF ENGINEERING UNITS WERE FULL TIME ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEN AND HAD THEREFORE BEEN INCLUDED IN EASTERN TABLED FIGURES.

7. FRG MILREPS ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO, BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSIDERED BY THE POLES TO BE SUBORDINATE TO OTHER MINISTRIES, HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN EASTERN FIGURES. FRG MILREPS CITED THE POLISH MILITARY

POLICE UNIT IN WARSAW AS AN EXAMPLE.

8. POLISH MILREPS SAID THAT ALL MILITARY POLICE, REGARD-
LESS OF WHETHER THEY PERFORMED FUNCTIONS FOR THE MINISTRY OF
INTERNAL SECURITY, WERE FULL TIME ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE-
MEN AND HAD THEREFORE BEEN INCLUDED IN EASTERN FIGURES.
(COMMENT: THE NATO ESTIMATE OF POLISH GROUND FORCE MANPOWER
INCLUDES 13,000 MEN IN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEER
CONSTRUCTION UNITS. (MCM-86-76, PAGE 26, SERIALS 19 AND 24.)
ALLOWING FOR A 10 TO 20 PERCENT CADRE OF PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS
AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, THE STATEMENTS OF THE POLISH
MILITARY REPS WOULD THEREFORE ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 10,000 TO
11,000 OF THE OVERALL DISCREPANCY OF 58,000 BETWEEN THE NATO
ESTIMATE AND THE EAST'S TABLED FIGURES FOR POLISH GROUND FORCE
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MANPOWER. ANOTHER 5,000 HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR BY EASTERN
STATEMENTS THAT THE POLISH SEA LANDING DIVISION, WHICH NATO
INCLUDES IN ITS FIGURES, HAS BEEN EXCLUDED BY THE EAST ON THE
GROUNDS THAT IT IS A NAVAL UNIT. END COMMENT.) RESOR

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